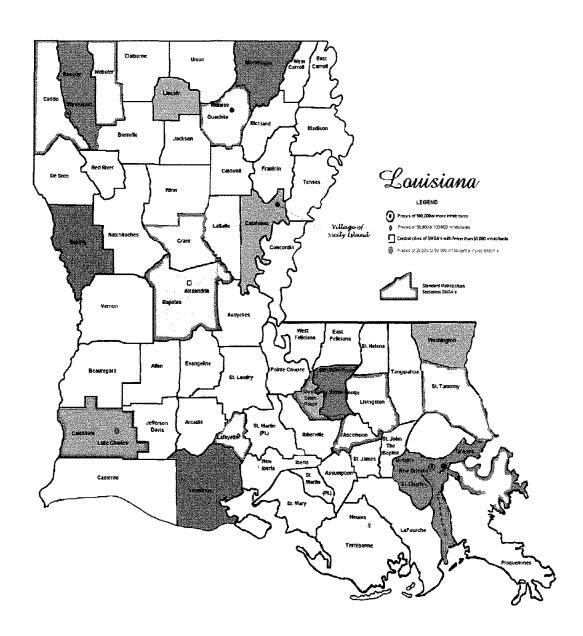
#### **Annual Financial Statements**

**JUNE 30, 2013** 

## VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA



The Village of Sicily Island was incorporated August 21, 1955, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under the Mayor-Board of Alderman form of government. The Village provides the following significant services to its residents as provided by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, utilities (water, gas and sewer services) and general administrative functions, including coordination of related services with parish, state and federal governing bodies.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Village of Sicily Island 101 Sicily Ave. Sicily Island, LA. 71368

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of the Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of the Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2013, on our consideration of the Village of Sicily Island's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Village of Sicily Island's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

#### The Vercher Group

October 31, 2013 Jena. Louisiana

#### Village of Sicily Island

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#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Village, we offer readers of the Village of Sicily Island's financial statements, this narrative overview, and analysis of the financial activities of the Village for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Village's financial statements.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments issued June 1999.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Governmental Funds

- The assets of the Village exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$1,102,709 (net position). This is a \$239,525 increase from last year.
- The Village had total revenue of \$455,430. This is a \$106,575 increase from last year's revenues, mainly due to an increase in grant monies in the amount of \$126,166.
- The Village had total expenditures of \$511,074, which is a \$137,965 increase from last year, mainly due an increase in capital outlay in the amount of \$128,231.

#### Enterprise Funds

- The assets of the Village exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$1,860,579 (net position). This is an \$88,424 decrease from last year.
- The Village had total revenue of \$270,143. This is a \$4,263 decrease from last year, mainly due to a decrease in Capital Contributions in the amount of \$32,894.
- The Village had total expenses of \$306,132. This is a \$222 decrease from last year. Expense remained relatively the same as the previous year.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Village's basic financial statements. The Village's basic financial statements consist of two components: 1) fund financial statements, and 2) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The Village is a special-purpose entity engaged only in governmental activities. Accordingly, only fund financial statements are presented as the basic financial statements.

#### **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Village, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

#### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Village's annual report consists of financial statements that show information about the Village's funds, enterprise funds and governmental funds.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report, located immediately preceding this Management's Discussion and Analysis, that the basic financial statements are fairly stated. Varying degrees of assurance are being provided by the auditor regarding the other information included in this report. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts of this report.

#### REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

The Village's financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds. The Village may establish other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using grants and other money. The Village's enterprise fund uses the following accounting approach:

All of the Village's services are reported in an enterprise fund. They are reported using the full accrual method of accounting in which all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. The focus of proprietary funds is on income measurement, which, together with the maintenance of equity, is an important financial indication.

#### **Governmental Funds**

Comparative Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2013:

		2012		2013	% Change
Current Assets	\$	97 101	\$	212 224	1116
	Ф	87,191	Ф	213,224	144.6
Restricted Assets		28,562		-0-	-100.0
Noncurrent Assets		809,713		1,052,447	30.0
Total Assets		925,466	-	1,265,671	36.8
Current Liabilities		62,282		162,962	161.7
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Long-term Liabilities		-0-		-0-	0.0
Total Liabilities		62,282		162,962	161.7
Net Position					
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt		809,713		1,052,447	30.0
Restricted		-0-		-0-	0.0
Unrestricted		53,471		50,262	-6.0
Total Net Position	\$	863,184	\$	1,102,709	27.8

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended June 30, 2013:

	2012	2013	% Change
Revenues			
Program Revenues	\$ 50,005	\$ 37,640	-24.7
General Revenues	114,290	107,064	-6.3
Total Revenues	164,295	144,704	-11.9
Expenditures			
Operating Expenditures	191,167	200,901	5.1
Capital Outlay	181,942		70.5
Total Expenditures	373,109	511,074	37.0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(208,814)	(366,370)	75.5
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers In/Out	24,280	52,435	116.0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	24,280	52,435	116.0
Capital Contributions	184,560	310,726	68.4
Net Change in Fund Balance	26	(3,209)	-12,442.3
Prior Period Adjustment	(17,998)	-0-	100.0
Fund Balance - Beginning	71,443	53,471	-25.2
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 53,471	\$50,262	-6.0

#### **Enterprise Funds**

Comparative Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2013:

Assets	 2012	2013	% Change
Cash	\$ 31,899 \$	17,612	-44.8
Receivables (Net)	14,898	23,382	57.0
Restricted Assets	21,977	46,499	111.6
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,127,860	2,032,805	-4.5
Total Assets	 2,196,634	2,120,298	-3.5
Liabilities & Net Position			
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables	1,206	10,944	807.5
Customer Deposits	46,100	42,800	-7.2
Current Bonds & Interest Payable	20,425	29,375	43.8
Bonds Payable	179,900	176,600	-1.8
Total Liabilities	 247,631	259,719	4.9
Net Position			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	1,927,535	1,826,830	-5.2
Restricted	-0-	-0-	0.0
Unrestricted	21,468	33,749	57.2
Total Net Position	\$ 1,949,003 \$	1,860,579	-4.5

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2013.

Operating Revenues		2012	2013	% Change
Water Sales	\$	94,335	\$ 108,180	14.7
Sewer Charges		47,628	45,876	-3.7
Gas Sales		99,414	115,788	16.5
Total Operating Revenues		241,377	 269,844	11.8
Operating Expenses				
Cost of Sales & Services		123,867	126,807	2.4
Administration		75,917	75,320	-0.8
Depreciation		95,127	95,055	-0.1
Total Operating Expenses		294,911	 297,182	0.8
Operating Income (Loss)		(53,534)	 (27,338)	-48.9
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)				
Interest Earnings		135	299	121.5
Interest Expense	***************************************	(11,443)	 (8,950)	-21.8
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		(11,308)	 (8,651)	-23.5
Income Before Contributions & Transfers		(64,842)	 (35,989)	-44.5
Transfers In/(Out)		(24,280)	(52,435)	116.0
Capital Contributions		32,894	 -0-	-100.0
Change in Net Position		(56,228)	(88,424)	57.3
Prior Period Adjustment		832	-0-	-100.0
Total Net Position - Beginning		2,004,399	 1,949,003	-2.8
Total Net Position - Ending	\$	1,949,003	\$ 1,860,579	-4.5

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

#### Capital Assets - Governmental Funds

At June 30, 2013, the Village had \$1,052,447 invested in capital assets, including the following:

#### Capital Assets at Year-End

		2012		2013
Land (Not Depreciated)	\$_	13,000	\$	13,000
Capital Assets*		1,395,309		1,705,482
Accumulated Depreciation		(598,596)		(666,035)
Total	\$_	809,713	\$_	1,052,447

<sup>\*</sup>Construction in Progress in the amount of \$425,579 is not being depreciated

#### Capital Assets – Enterprise Funds

At June 30, 2013, the Village had \$2,032,805 invested in capital assets, including the following:

#### Capital Assets at Year-End

	_	2012		2013
Gas System	\$	470,381	\$	470,381
Water System*		1,317,243		1,317,243
Sewer System*		2,030,738		2,030,738
Accumulated Depreciation		(1,690,502)		(1,785,557)
Total	\$_	2,127,860	\$_	2,032,805

<sup>\*</sup>Land in the amount of \$38,280 in the Sewer System is not being depreciated.

#### **CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT**

#### Long-term Debt

The following is a summary of revenue bond transactions of the Village of Sicily Island for the year ended June 30, 2013.

	Se	wer Revenue Bonds
Bonds & Notes Payable - Beginning	\$	192,900
Additions		-0-
Principal Retirements		(3,300)
Total	\$	189,600

<sup>\*</sup>Land in the amount of \$1,000 in the Water System is not being depreciated.

Bonds payable at June 30, 2013, are comprised of the following issues:

#### Revenue Bonds

\$393,800 Sewer Revenue Bond dated September 2, 1981, due in annual installments of \$9,000 to \$23,000 through September 2, 2021, with interest rate of 5%.

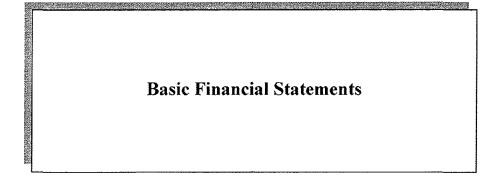
\$ 189,600

Total

\$ 189,600

#### **CONTACTING THE VILLAGE'S FINANCIAL MANGEMENT:**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Village's finances and to show the Village's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Mayor Margie Price at the Village Hall, phone number (318) 389-4472.



#### Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Statement of Net Position June 30, 2013

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					
	G	OVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	_	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	***************************************	TOTAL
Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	47,492	\$	,	\$	65,104
Receivables (Net of Allowances)		165,732		23,382		189,114
Restricted Assets		-0-		46,499		46,499
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)		1,052,447		2,032,805		3,085,252
Total Assets		1,265,671		2,120,298		3,385,969
Current Liabilities	333333					
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables		162,962		10,944		173,906
Customer Deposits		-0-		42,800		42,800
Bonds & Interest Payable		-0-		49,975		49,975
Total Current Liabilities	*	162,962		103,719		266,681
Non Current Liabilities						
Revenue Bonds & Notes Payable		-0-		156,000	*	156,000
Total Non Current Liabilities		-0-		156,000		156,000
Total Liabilities		162,962		259,719		422,681
Net Position						
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt		1,052,447		1,826,830		2,879,277
Restricted		-0-		-0-		-0-
Unrestricted		50,262		33,749		84,011
Total Net Position	\$	1,102,709	\$	1,860,579	\$	2,963,288

Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

			PROG	PROGRAM REVENUES		NET REVENUE OF PRIM	NET REVENUES (EXPENSES) & CHANGES OF PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	CHANGES
		Charges			Net		Business	
	C	for	Operating	Capital	(Expenses)	Governmental	Type	,
	Expenses	Services	Grants	Grants	Revenue	Activities	Activities	Total
Governmental Activities								
General Government	\$ (145,733) \$	14,000	s -0- s	106,928 \$	(24,805) \$	(24,805)	€9	(24,805)
Fire	(12,777)	5,950	9	3,510	(3,317)	(3,317)		(3,317)
Public Safety	(67,941)	0	9	<b>0</b> -	(67,941)	(67.941)		(67.941)
Sanitation	(28,645)	17,565	<del>o</del>	o o	(11,080)	(11,080)		(11,080)
Street Repair	(13,244)	125	-0-	200,288	187,169	187,169		187,169
Total Governmental Activities	(268,340)	37,640	-0-	310,726	80,026	80,026		80,026
Business Type Activities								
Water	(185,128)	108,180	-0-	0	(76.948)	€	(76.948)	(76.948)
Sewer	(47,933)	45,876	<del>'</del>	<b>-</b> 0-	(2,057)		,	(2,057)
Gas	(64,121)	115,788	<b>-</b>	0	51,667		21,667	51,667
Interest on Long-Term Debt	(8,950)	<b>-</b> 0-	-0-	o	(8,950)		(8,950)	(8,950)
Total Business Type Activities	(306,132)	269,844	-0-		(36,288)		(36,288)	(36,288)
Total Primary Government	\$ (574,472) \$	307,484	\$ -0-	310,726 \$	43,738			43,738
				General Revenues	nes	1	,	;
				Taxes		87,461	<del></del>	87,461
				Fines		15,302	0	15,302
				Other		4,301	299	4,600
				Transfers In (Out)	£	52,435	(52,435)	-0-
				Total General Revenues	Revenues	159,499	(52,136)	107,363

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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863,184

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Net Position - Beginning Net Position - Ending

151,101

(88,424)

239,525

Change in Net Position

#### Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Balance Sheet, Governmental Funds June 30, 2013

	 GENERAL
Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 47,492
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectables)	165,732
Total Assets	 213,224
Liabilities	
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables	162,962
Total Liabilities	 162,962
Fund Balance	
Unassigned	50,262
Total Fund Balance	 50,262
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 213,224

## Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Reconciliation of the Government Funds Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Financial Statement of Net Position June 30, 2013

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different	t because:	
Fund Balance, Total Governmental Funds (Statement C)	\$	50,262
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		1,052,447
Long-term liabilities including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		-0-
Other		-0-
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement A)	\$	1,102,709

# Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

		GENERAL
Revenues		
Fees & Charges	\$	37,640
Taxes		87,461
Fines		15,302
Miscellaneous		4,301
Total Revenues		144,704
Expenditures		
General Government		78,294
Fire		12,777
Public Safety		67,941
Sanitation		28,645
Street Repair		13,244
Capital Outlay		310,173
Total Expenditures		511,074
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	•	(366,370)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Transfers In/(Out)		52,435
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		52,435
Capital Contributions		310,726
Net Change in Fund Balance		(3,209)
Fund Balances - Beginning		53,471
Fund Balances - Ending	\$	50,262

# Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds To the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities	es are different because	»:	
Net Change in Fund Balances, Total governmental Funds, Statement E		\$	(3,209)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	Capital Purchases Depr. Expense	310,173 (67,439)	242,734
The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, leases, etc.) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	Debt Issued Principal Paid	-0- -0-	-0-
Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities, statement B		\$_	239,525

# Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Statement of Net Position, Proprietary Funds June 30, 2013

	Busines	Business-Type Activities-Enterprise Fund	Enterprise Fund	
	Water	Sewer	Cas	Totals
Current Assets Cash & Cash Equivalents Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)	ı	:		\$ 17,612 23,382
total Cuffent Assets	31,//2	4,278	4,944	40,994
Non-Current Assets Restricted Assets Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) Total Non-Current Assets	28,586 532,724 561,310	17,913 1,311,287 1,329,200	-0- 188,794 188,794	46,499 2,032,805 2,079,304
Total Assets	593,082	1,333,478	193,738	2,120,298
Current Liabilities Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables Total Current Liabilities	9,855	-0-	1,089	10,944
Current Liabilities Payable From Restricted Assets Customer Deposits Current Bonds & Interest Payable Total Current Liabilities Payable From Restricted Assets	42,800 -0- 42,800	-0- 49,975 49,975	-0- -0-	42,800 49,975 92,775
Total Current Liabilities	52,655	49,975	1,089	103,719
Non Current Liabilities Revenue Bonds & Notes Payable Total Non-Current Liabilities	-0-	156,000	-0-	156,000
Total Liabilities	52,655	205,975	1,089	259,719
Net Position Invested in Capital Assets Net of Related Debt Restricted Unrestricted Total Net Position	532,724 -0- 7,703 \$ 540,427	1,105,312 -0- 22,191 \$ 1,127,503	188,794 -0- 3,855 \$ 192,649	1,826,830 -0- 33,749 \$ 1,860,579

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Position Proprietary Funds June 30, 2013

		Water		Sewer		Gas		Total
Operating Revenues								
Charges for Services:								
Water Sales	\$	108,180	\$	=	\$		\$	108,180
Sewer Charges		-0-		45,876		-0-		45,876
Gas Sales		-0-		0	_	115,788		115,788
Total Operating Revenues		108,180		45,876		115,788		269,844
Operating Expenses								
Cost of Sales & Services		86,134		546		40,127		126,807
Administration		59,818		7,751		7,751		75,320
Depreciation		39,176	_	39,636		16,243		95,055
Total Operating Expenses		185,128	-	47,933		64,121		297,182
Operating Income (Loss)		(76,948)		(2,057)		51,667		(27,338)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)								
Interest Earnings		264		35		-0-		299
Interest Expense		-0-		(8,950)		-0-		(8,950)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		264		(8,915)		-0-	****	(8,651)
Income Before Contributions & Transfers	w====	(76,684)		(10,972)		51,667		(35,989)
Transfers In/(Out)		44,809		(29,583)		(67,661)		(52,435)
Capital Contributions		-0-	_	-0-		-0-		-0-
Change in Net Position		(31,875)		(40,555)		(15,994)		(88,424)
Total Net Position - Beginning	-03005300	572,302		1,168,058		208,643		1,949,003
Total Net Position - Ending	\$	540,427	\$_	1,127,503	\$_	192,649	\$	1,860,579

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

#### Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds June 30, 2013

		Enterprise Funds
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Receipts From Customers & Users	\$	258,058
Payments to Suppliers		(56,755)
Payments to Employees		(135,634)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	*****	65,669
Cash Flows From NonCapital Financing Activities		
Transfers to Other Funds		(52,435)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by NonCapital Financing Activities	*****	(52,435)
Cash Flows From Capital & Related Financing Activities		
Capital Contributions		<del>-</del> 0-
Principal on Capital Debt		(3,300)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt		-0-
Purchase of Capital Assets		-0-
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital & Related Financing Activities		(3,300)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Interest and Dividends Received		301
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	*****	301
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		10,235
Cash & Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		53,876
Cash & Cash Equivalents, End of Year	-	64,111
Reconciliation to Balance Sheet		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		17,612
Restricted Cash		46,499
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	64,111

#### Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended June 30, 2013

#### Reconciliation

## RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Income (Loss)	\$	(27,338)
Depreciation Expense		95,055
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable		(8,486)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		9,738
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits		(3,300)
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS		93,007
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u></u>	65,669
LISTING OF NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, & FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES Contributions of Capital Assets From Government	\$	-0-

#### Notes To The Basic Financial Statements

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2013

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Village of Sicily Island was incorporated August 21, 1955, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under the Mayor-Board of Alderman form of government. The Village provides the following significant services to its residents as provided by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, utilities (water, gas and sewer services) and general administrative functions, including coordination of related services with parish, state and federal governing bodies.

#### Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles

In December 2010, the GASB issued Statement No. 62, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements. GASBS No. 62 incorporates into the GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance that is included in the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, which does not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) Committee on Accounting Procedure. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2011, and has been implemented in fiscal year 2012. The adoption of GASBS No. 62 does not have any impact on the Authority's financial statements.

In June 2011, the GASB issued Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position. GASBS No. 63 provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures. The Statement of Net Assets is renamed the Statement of Net Position and includes the following elements: assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2011, and has been implemented in fiscal year 2012. The adoption of GASBS No. 63 does not have any impact on the Authority's financial statements.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Village of Sicily Island conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2013

#### CONTINUED

#### A. GOVERNMENT-WIDE & FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Net Position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meetings the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even through the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, & FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

#### Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2013

#### **CONTINUED**

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government

The municipality reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the municipality's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The municipality reports the following major proprietary funds:

- Water Fund
- Sewer Fund
- Gas Fund

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Principal operating revenues are utility billings. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

The Village has a policy of applying expenses to restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

#### C. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, & INVESTMENTS – (C.D.'S IN EXCESS OF 90 DAYS)

#### Deposits

It is the Village's policy for deposits (demand checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificate of deposits) to be 100% secured by collateral at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The Village's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Village at year end. The categories are describes as follows:

### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2013

#### CONTINUED

- Category 1 Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Village or by its agent in the Village's name.
- Category 2 Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Village's name.
- Category 3 Uncollateralized.

	_	Sicily Island State Bank				
Bank Balances	\$	111,774				
Secured As Follows						
FDIC (Category 1)		111,774				
Securities (Category 2)		-0-				
Uncollateralized (Category 3)		-0-				
Total	\$	111,774				

All deposits were fully secured as of June 30, 2013.

#### D. INVENTORIES

Inventories of materials and supplies are considered to be expenditures at the time purchased. Amounts on hand at the financial statement date are considered immaterial and therefore not included on the statements of assets and liabilities.

#### E. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE & ALLOWANCES FOR BAD DEBTS

Uncollectable amounts due for customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectables of the receivable. Below is a summary of accounts receivable and allowance for bad debts by funds:

	General Fund	Enterprise Funds	Total			
Accounts Receivable	\$ 10,090	\$ 24,535	\$	34,625		
Grant Receivables	155,642	-0-		155,642		
Allowances for Bad Debt	 -0-	(1,153)		(1,153)		
Total	\$ 165,732	\$ 23,382	\$	189,114		

#### 2. AD VALOREM TAXES

For the year ended June 30, 2013, taxes of 7.63 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling, \$1,321,210 and were dedicated as follows:

General Corporate Purposes

7.63

Total taxes levied were \$10,081. Taxes are due October 15 of each year and become delinquent on January 1.

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2013 CONTINUED

#### 3. RESTRICTED ASSETS - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES

Restricted assets were applicable to the following at June 30, 2013:

		Sewer		Water		Gas	 Total
Customer Deposits	\$_	-0-	\$	28,586	\$	-0-	\$ 28,586
Bond Reserve Account		760		-0-		-0-	760
Depreciation Reserve Account		3,857		-0-		-0-	3,857
Revenue Sinking		13,296	_	-0-		-0-	 13,296
Total	\$	17,913	\$_	28,586	\$_	-0-	\$ 46,499

#### 4. CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS – PROPRIETARY FUNDS

A summary of enterprise fund plant and equipment at June 30, 2013, follows:

	Beginning					Ending
	Balance		Additions		Deletions	Balance
Gas System*	\$ 470,381	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$ 470,381
Water System*	1,317,243		-0-		-0-	1,317,243
Sewer System*	2,030,738		-0-		-0-	2,030,738
Total	 3,818,362		-0-		-0-	 3,818,362
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	 (1,690,502)		(95,055)		-0-	 (1,785,557)
Net	\$ 2,127,860	\$_	(95,055)	\$_	-0-	\$ 2,032,805

<sup>\*</sup>Land in the amount of \$38,280 in the Sewer System is not being depreciated.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary funds is charged as an expense against its operations. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Vehicles and Equipment	5-10 years
Gas, Water, & Sewer Systems	40 years

#### 5. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	Beginning					Ending
	 Balance	Additions		Deletions		Balance
Fixed Assets*	\$ 1,408,309	\$ 310,173	\$	-0-	\$	1,718,482
Accumulated Depreciation	 (598,596)	(67,439)		-0-		(666,035)
Net Fixed Position	\$ 809,713	\$ 242,734	\$_	-0-	\$_	1,052,447

<sup>\*</sup>Land in the amount of \$13,000 is included in the fixed assets and is not being depreciated.

<sup>\*</sup>Land in the amount of \$1,000 in the Water System is not being depreciated.

<sup>\*</sup>Construction in Progress the amount of \$425,579 is included in the fixed assets and is not being depreciated.

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2013

#### **CONTINUED**

Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives as follows:

Vehicles and Equipment Parking Lot 5-10 years 20 years

#### 6. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of revenue bond transactions and general obligation debt transactions of the Village of Sicily Island for the year ended June 30, 2013.

	Sewer
	Revenue
	 Bonds
Bonds & Notes Payable - Beginning	\$ 192,900
Additions	-0-
Principal Retirements	 (3,300)
Total	\$ 189,600

Bonds payable at June 30, 2013, are comprised of the following issues:

#### Revenue Bonds

\$393,800 Sewer Revenue Bond dated September 2, 1981, due in annual installments of \$9,000 to \$23,000 through September 2, 2021, with interest rate of 5%.

\$ 189,600

Total

\$ 189,600

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2013, including interest payments, are as follows:

Year Ending			
June 30,	 Principle	Interest	Total
2014	\$ 15,000	\$ 8,100	\$ 23,100
2015	16,000	7,400	23,400
2016	16,000	6,600	22,600
2017	16,000	6,600	22,600
2018	16,000	6,600	22,600
2019-2021	99,900	8,000	107,900
Total	\$ 178,900	\$ 43,300	\$ 222,200

## NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2013

#### **CONTINUED**

#### 7. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 8. LITIGATION

The Village of Sicily Island is involved in no litigation at June 30, 2013, which is not covered by the Village's applicable insurance policies or is considered to be significant to the Village's financial statements.

#### 9. ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARIES

Name	Title	Annualized Salary		
Margie Price	Mayor	\$4,245		
Derrick Fraizer	Alderman	\$4,245		
Linda Kerry	Alderman	\$4,245		
Walter Krause	Alderman	\$4,245		

#### 10. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

	_	Governmental Funds	Enterprise Funds
Transfers In (Out)	\$_	52,435	\$ (52,435)

Transfers were made for operational purposes.

#### 11. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS

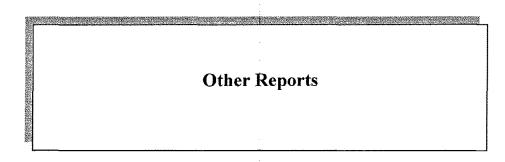
The Village of Sicily Island overspent its general fund budget by \$98,912 during the year.

**Required Supplemental Information** 

# Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balance Budget & Actual General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

		Budget An Original	nounts Final		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Budget to GAAP Differences Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues	_	Original	THAI		D4313	(Omavorabic)
Fees & Charges	\$	39,350 \$	42,550	\$	37,640 \$	(4,910)
Taxes	Ψ	84,000	83,600	Ψ	87,461	3,861
Fines		34,500	15,000		15,302	302
Grants		666,920	212,000		310,726	98,726
Other		2,550	5,025		4,301	(724)
Total Revenues		827,320	358,175		455,430	97,255
Expenditures						
General Government		106,625	184,377		78,294	106,083
Fire		8,200	14,650		12,777	1,873
Public Safety		72,175	69,450		67,941	1,509
Sanitation		24,455	28,800		28,645	155
Street Repair		657,095	114,885		13,244	101,641
Capital Outlay		-0-	-0-		310,173	(310,173)
Total Expenditures		868,550	412,162		511,074	(98,912)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over						
Under Expenditures		(41,230)	(53,987)	***	(55,644)	(1,657)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers In/(Out)		50,000	54,000		52,435	(1,565)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>		50,000	54,000		52,435	(1,565)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	8,770 \$	13		(3,209) \$	(3,222)
Fund Balances - Beginning Fund Balances - Ending				\$	53,471 50,262	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Village of Sicily Island 101 Sicily Ave. Sicily Island, La. 71368

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of the Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village of Sicily Island's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2013.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Village of Sicily Island's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Sicily Island's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Sicily Island's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies. (2013-I-1 Old Outstanding Checks; 2013-I-2 Small Size of Entity).

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village of Sicily Island's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items:

2013-C-1 Maintenance of Bond Sinking Fund 2013-C-2 Budget Variances

#### The Village of Sicily Island's Response to Findings

The Village of Sicily Island's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Village of Sicily Island's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a public document and its distribution is not limited.

The Vercher Group
October 31, 2013
Jena, Louisiana

## VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2013. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards in the United States of America applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2013, resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Se	ction I - Summary of Auditor's Results
a.	Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements
	Internal Control  Material Weaknesses  Yes No Other Conditions Yes No
	Compliance Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No
b.	Federal Awards (Not Applicable)
	Internal Control  Material Weaknesses  Yes No Other Conditions Yes No
	Type of Opinion On Compliance Unqualified Qualified Qualified Adverse Adverse
	Are the finding required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
c.	Identification Of Major Programs:
	CFDA Number (s) Name Of Federal Program (or Cluster)

## VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – (CONT.) For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

#### **Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

#### 2013-I-1 Old Outstanding Checks

Condition: The Village has \$4,345 in outstanding checks that are more than a year old.

Criteria: Not clearing old outstanding checks on a regular basis can result in the issuance of financial

statements that are not materially correct.

Cause of Condition: Not correcting the bank reconciliation.

Effect of Condition: Possible material understatement of cash.

**Recommendation:** The old outstanding checks should be added back to the books and bank balance.

Client Response: The Village will have their fee accountant make the necessary adjustments.

#### 2013-I-2 Small Size of Entity

Condition: Because of the small size of the Village and the lack of separation of duties of employees, many of the important elements of good internal controls cannot always be achieved to ensure adequate protection of the Village's cash.

**Criteria:** Important elements of good internal controls often require that the same employee does not handle the functions of accounting, collections, billing, receiving and check writing.

Cause of Condition: Small size of entity and lack of employees.

Effect of Condition: Significant deficiency in internal controls.

**Recommendation**: We recommend that management continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

Client Response: Management will continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

## VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA

### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – (CONT.) For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

#### Section II - Financial Statement Findings (continued...)

#### 2013-C-1 Maintenance of Bond Sinking Fund

**Condition:** The Village is not adequately maintaining its bond sinking fund to assure that enough cash will be available to service its annual sewer bond debt payment.

**Criteria:** The Village's bond agreement calls for the Village to establish a "sinking fund" and deposit monthly 1/12 of the annual debt payment of the sewer bonds.

**Cause of Condition:** The Village is not depositing monthly 1/12 of the annual debt payment into the sinking fund.

Potential Effect of Condition: Inability of the Village to make its annual bond payment.

**Recommendation:** The Village must make monthly deposits into its bond sinking fund in the amount of 1/12 of the annual debt service of its sewer bonds.

**Client Response:** The Village will make monthly deposits into its bond sinking fund in the amount of 1/12 of the annual debt service of its sewer bonds.

#### 2013-C-2 Budget Variances

**Condition:** The Village had an unfavorable expenditure budget variance of \$98,912 or 24% for the year.

**Criteria:** The Budget Act requires budgets to be amended when variances exceed 5%.

Cause of Condition: Not amending budget when unfavorable variances exceed 5%.

Potential Effect of Condition: Compliance violation

**Recommendation:** Budgets should be amended when there is a revenue or expenditure variance of more than 5%.

**Client Response:** Budgets will be amended when there is an unfavorable revenue or expenditure variance of more than 5%.

#### Section III - Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

Not applicable.

### MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

#### FINDINGS:

#### 2013-I-1 Old Outstanding Checks

Finding: The Village has \$4,345 in outstanding checks that are more than a year old

**Corrective Action:** The Village will have their fee accountant make the necessary adjustments.

Contact Person: Mary Munoz

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2014

#### 2013-I-2 Small Size of Entity

**Finding:** Because of the small size of the Village and the lack of separation of duties of employees, many of the important elements of good internal controls cannot always be achieved to ensure adequate protection of the Village's cash.

**Corrective Action:** Management will continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

Contact Person: Mary Munoz

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2014

#### 2013-C-1 Maintenance of Bond Sinking Fund

*Finding:* The Village is not adequately maintaining its bond sinking fund to assure that enough cash will be available to service its annual sewer bond debt payment.

*Corrective Action:* The Village will make monthly deposits into its bond sinking fund in the amount of 1/12 of the annual debt service of its sewer bonds.

Contact Person: Mary Munoz

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2014

## MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED...)

#### 2013-C-2 Budget Variances

*Finding:* The Village had an unfavorable revenue budget variance of \$98,912 or 24% for the year largely because grant funds were not forthcoming.

*Corrective Action:* Budgets will be amended when there is an unfavorable revenue or expenditure variance of more than 5%.

Contact Person: Mary Munoz

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2014

#### **MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS**

During the course of our audit, we observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are situations that may be improved (if any) and recommendations for improvements.

#### **CURRENT YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS**

There are no current year management letter comments.

#### VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA JUNE 30, 2013

#### MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Legislative Auditor State of Louisiana Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397

The management of the Village of Sicily Island, Louisiana has provided the following action summaries relating to audit findings brought to their attention as a result of their financial audit for the year ended June 30, 2012.

#### **Prior Year Findings**

#### 2012-I-1 Old Outstanding Checks (Unresolved)

Condition: The Village has \$9,096 in outstanding checks that are more than a year old.

**Criteria:** Not clearing old outstanding checks on a regular basis can result in the issuance of financial statements that are not materially correct.

Cause of Condition: Not correcting the bank reconciliation.

Effect of Condition: Possible material understatement of cash.

Recommendation: The old outstanding checks should be added back to the books and bank balance.

Client Response: The Village will have their fee accountant make the necessary adjustments.

#### 2012-I-2 Small Size of Entity (Unresolved)

**Condition:** Because of the small size of the Village and the lack of separation of duties of employees, many of the important elements of good internal controls cannot always be achieved to ensure adequate protection of the Village's cash.

Criteria: Important elements of good internal controls often require that the same employee does not handle the functions of accounting, collections, billing, receiving and check writing.

Cause of Condition: Small size of entity and lack of employees.

Effect of Condition: Significant deficiency in internal controls.

**Recommendation**: We recommend that management continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

Client Response: Management will continue to provide the necessary oversight in its current internal control procedures, specifically in the areas of cash receipts, collection receipt activities, recordation of those receipts, depositing of funds collected, and review of checks written.

#### VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA JUNE 30, 2013

#### MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS (CONTINUED...)

#### 2012-C-1 Maintenance of Bond Sinking Fund (Unresolved)

**Condition:** The Village is not adequately maintaining its bond sinking fund to assure that enough cash will be available to service its annual sewer bond debt payment.

**Criteria:** The Village's bond agreement calls for the Village to establish a "sinking fund" and deposit monthly 1/12 of the annual debt payment of the sewer bonds.

Cause of Condition: The Village is not depositing monthly 1/12 of the annual debt payment into the sinking fund.

Potential Effect of Condition: Inability of the Village to make its annual bond payment

**Recommendation:** The Village must make monthly deposits into its bond sinking fund in the amount of 1/12 of the annual debt service of its sewer bonds.

Client Response: The Village will make monthly deposits into its bond sinking fund in the amount of 1/12 of the annual debt service of its sewer bonds.

#### 2012-C-2 Budget Variances (Unresolved)

**Condition:** The Village had an unfavorable revenue budget variance of \$502,065 or 59% for the year largely because grant funds were not forthcoming.

Criteria: The Budget Act requires budgets to be amended when variances exceed 5%.

Cause of Condition: Not amending budget when variances exceed 5%.

Potential Effect of Condition: Compliance violation

**Recommendation:** Budgets should be amended when there is a revenue or expenditure variance of more than 5%

Client Response: Budgets will be amended when there is a revenue or expenditure variance of more than 5%

#### VILLAGE OF SICILY ISLAND SICILY ISLAND, LOUISIANA JUNE 30, 2013

#### MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS (CONTINUED....)

#### 2012-C-3 Annual Filing of Financial Statements (Resolved)

**Condition:** The Village did not file their financial statements with the legislative auditor on a timely basis.

**Criteria:** LSA-RS 24:415, LSA-RS 33:463, and/or LSA-RS 39:92, as applicable, require that governmental units file their financial statements annually with the Legislative Auditor's Office within six months of the entity's year end closing.

Cause of Condition: Not having the financial statements completed on time

Potential Effect of Condition: Compliance finding and a freeze on grant funding

**Recommendation:** The Village should have their audit completed in time to file with the Legislative Auditor's Office within six months of the Village's end closing.

Client Response: The Village will have their audit completed in time to file with the Legislative Auditor's Office within six months of the Village's year end closing.